

In this place it may not be unnecessary to make a short digression, lest from the success of *Honestus*, in only three evenings harmless amusement, it may incite some unthinking youths, allured by the gaudy embellishments of the theatres, and the luxury in which those who rise to any degree of eminence in their profession live, to launch into that way of life.

But far be it from the Editor's intention to draw such characters in amiable lights. It is here introduced as a circumstance which happened not many years since in real life, and to shew, than it is in the power of an overruling Providence, to permit the greatest incidents to follow the most trivial circumstance, when set about with a virtuous intention.—God may, and sometimes does, bring good out of evil, but it is no part of our duty to do evil that good may come of it—But to proceed:

From that day *Honestus* was universally taken notice of; he was admired and esteemed by all ranks of people; not the greatest on the island were ashamed of being seen in his company, and, in a few months, through a series of good fortune, he found himself one of the most eminent of his profession on the island.

The change of his fortune did not change his heart: duty, love, and gratitude were  
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firmly rooted in it. The situation in which he had left his parent; love for one whom he adored, and to whom he had promised marriage, when in England, and gratitude towards those friends who had assisted him with the means to place him in that way of life, rushed at once like a torrent on his mind.

To discharge these obligations, immediately occurred to him on this transition of fortune; he accordingly, by the first vessel that sailed for England, sent over a remittance to defray the expence of his mother's past and present wants, settled a genteel annuity on her for life, and discharged every obligation he had received from his friends; with a letter, acquainting the object of his wishes, that his situation in life was changed for the better, requesting her to embark as soon as possible to complete his happiness.

On the return of the vessel, *Honestus* found his joys completed, as it not only brought over the women he loved, but the news that his mother was restored to her senses, his father returned to England; that his unhappy sister had been long since dead, and that the annuity which he had on his mother, would support them independent of the world, and render their situation in life as comfortable as it could be in his absence.

Soon after the arrival of his intended bride, the nuptial ceremony was performed,  
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